

**Testimony  
for the  
Energy and Technology Committee  
of the  
Connecticut Legislature  
on  
Senate Bill No. 168**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The CT Chapter of NWRA (hereafter the chapter) represents an industry that is dedicated to the environmentally protective, sustainable and economically efficient management of recoverable and recyclable materials, discards and wastes.

We have a vision of a society that reduces waste, recycles more and recovers value from discards to the maximum extent practicable and properly disposes the wastes that remain. We approach our job as reality-checkers who must negotiate, adapt to, and address the day-to-day and evolving conditions associated with collecting and handling recyclables, recoverable materials, discards and wastes. We are in a unique position to offer well informed perspectives on the realities of how these materials are managed today, and how they can be better managed tomorrow.

We are grateful for this opportunity to provide these comments to the CT Energy and Technology Committee on legislation about the waste-to-energy industry in CT.

### **S.B. No. 168 – An Waste-to-Energy in Connecticut**

The chapter supports this legislation that calls for a study of CTs waste-to-energy industry. In this study we hope those conducting the study will recognize the efficacy of our longstanding call to grant this vital CT industry Class 1 RECs for the energy they produce.

The companies of the chapter manage the vast majority of the wastes that are sent to the state's waste-to-energy plants for disposal. As such, we recognize the great need for access to stable in-state disposal capacity at competitive market rates. The state is highly dependent on waste-to-energy disposal; and therefor so are our member companies and the CT citizens, communities and businesses they service daily.

Thank-you for your attention to our comments and views. We stand ready to work with the sponsor, committee, energy and environmental officials, our customers and others to create the best recycling and waste management programs for CT as possible.

*The CT chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association represents the private taxpaying waste and recycling haulers and companies that work in CT every day to responsibly manage the after useful life discards, materials, recyclables and wastes generated by its citizens, communities and businesses. We believe in strong, sustainable environmentally responsible programs that are run with the efficiency and expertise that comes from a competitive and robust private marketplace that provides and innovates these services routinely.*